

FIFTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1956

Lincoln, Nebraska

October 30, 1956

To the Honorable City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

The Fifty-Third Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, is presented herewith. Shown in detail are the financial transactions during the year, the bonded indebtedness, and the actual condition of all funds at the close of the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956.

The details of the operation of the public utilities are not included as separate reports are being made by these departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. MALLON, *City Auditor*

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for many years operated under the Commission Form of Government. On May 10, 1937, a change was made and a new form of government was inaugurated. The Plan adopted has been called Seven-Man Council, but possibly a more appropriate name would be a Modified Manager Plan. Under this plan a Mayor is elected for a two-year term and at each biennial election, three councilmen are elected for a term of four years. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular meeting attended. No pay allowed for special meetings. The mayor receives in addition to the \$10.00 for each weekly meeting attended the sum of \$500.00 per year.

The activities of the City are divided in three departments as follows:

1. Department of Public Welfare and Safety.
2. Department of Accounts and Finance.
3. Department of Parks, Public Property and Improvements.

The Council appoints a Director for each of the departments, who is the superintendent thereof and responsible to the council for its proper operation.

All other officials and employes are appointed by the Council. The Judge of the Municipal Court is elected at County and State elections, and other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of Mayor and Councilmen begins on the first Monday following the election.

The Council acts as a fact finding and policy determining body, while it is the duty of the Directors to carry out the policies so determined and to perform the necessary administrative functions of the City.

The Council also appoints a City Attorney and assistants necessary to work with the Council and all departments of the City.

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Bennett S. Martin, Mayor and President of Council

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1957

C. W. D. Kinsey

Joseph E. Fenton

Hugh Thorne

Councilmen—Terms expiring 1959

Pat Ash, Vice President of Council

Ray Osborn

Rees Wilkinson

THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY ARE
ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

EMMETT JUNGE

Director

Fire Department	—E. P. Feaster, Chief
Electrical Inspection	—Donald Venter, Inspector
Health Department	—Dr. James T. Googe, Supt.
Police Department	—Joseph T. Carroll, Chief
City Property	—Charles E. Saal, Superintendent
Mun. Coal and Gas	—L. E. Brown, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG

DIRECTOR

City Clerk's Office	—Theo. H. Berg, Clerk
	—Harold Springer, Deputy Clerk
City Auditor's Office	—James M. Mallon, Auditor
Purchasing Office	—W. Wayne Harvey, Purchasing Agent
Treasurer's Office	—Frank J. Miller, Treasurer
	—Robert L. Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer
Tax Commissioner's Office	—William Schlaebitz, Tax Commissioner

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS

D. L. ERICKSON

Director

Engineer's Office

—Carl L. Fisher, Engineer
—H. C. Schlueter, Deputy
—Nathaniel W. Beezley, Deputy

Inspections

—E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector
—Frank M. Staats, Plumbing Inspector
—Michael Bourke, Sidewalk, Inspector

Street Department

—A. Lynn Myers, Superintendent

Paving Repair and Sewer

—H. Lyle Giesecker, Superintendent

Parks

—James Ager, Superintendent

Recreation

—James C. Lewis, Superintendent

Water and Light

—F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent
—John W. Kruse, Business Manager

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

—Jack M. Pace, City Attorney
—Wayne R. Douce, Deputy Attorney
—Thomas J. Gorham, Asst. Attorney

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

—Ray E. Ramsay, Personnel Officer

MUNICIPAL COURT

—John Jacobsen, Judge
—Leland M. Towle, Clerk
—R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk
—John J. Reitter, Constable

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BUILDING PERMITS

Issued from September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956

Month	No.	Residence	Business	Accessory	Total
Sept.	350	\$ 1,959,490.00	\$ 155,293.00	\$ 26,736.00	\$ 2,141,519.00
Oct.	245	995,673.00	337,799.00	25,657.00	1,359,129.00
Nov.	240	969,256.00	552,410.00	50,381.00	1,572,047.00
Dec.	120	791,717.00	223,750.00	3,535.00	1,019,002.00
Jan.	80	374,695.00	161,900.00	8,136.00	544,731.00
Febr.	138	293,950.00	187,989.00	3,400.00	485,339.00
March	138	640,069.00	399,900.00	9,590.00	1,049,559.00
April	250	1,044,368.00	426,359.00	38,243.00	1,508,970.00
May	257	1,042,592.00	154,600.00	32,055.00	1,229,247.00
June	233	936,822.00	253,429.00	31,254.00	1,221,505.00
July	208	691,950.00	977,737.00	23,313.00	1,693,000.00
Aug.	205	1,206,961.00	228,835.00	21,075.00	1,456,871.00
Total	2464	\$10,947,543.00	\$4,060,001.00	\$273,375.00	\$15,280,919.00

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

Originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the second class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the first class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 16,128 Acres (25.20 square miles)

Paved streets and alleys: 339.42 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres

Sanitary sewers: 316.51.

Storm sewers: 85.97.

Water mains: 370.77.

Street lights: 4,031.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920, 54,928.

Population 1930, 79,572.

Population 1940, 81,846.

Population 1950, 97,423.

Population 1956, (estimated) 120,000.

Assessed valuation of city per capita: \$1,206.55.

Bonded indebtedness of city per capita: \$52.07.

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GENERAL FUND

Statement of Expenditures and Encumbrances
Compared with Appropriations

September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956

	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Encum- brances	Unencum- bered Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council	\$ 5,510.00	\$ 3,441.05	\$ 2,068.95	\$	\$ 2,068.95
Mayor and Council	15,000.00	10,864.89	4,135.11	.....	4,135.11
Mayor	6,016.25	5,211.58	804.67	42.95	761.72
Municipal Court	43,144.51	39,055.68	4,088.83	332.00	3,756.83
General Expense	19,244.10	15,076.01	4,168.09	160.31	4,007.78
Directors	32,041.00	31,683.83	357.17	.....	357.17
Attorney	28,587.04	26,340.69	2,246.35	16.34	2,230.01
Merit System	9,211.00	8,959.10	251.90	109.75	142.15
Planning Commission	19,305.00	16,970.75	2,334.25	76.58	2,257.67
City Garage	25,000.00	25,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Contingencies	30,000.00	30,198.26	198.26	26.25	224.51
Total	\$ 233,058.90	\$ 212,801.84	\$ 20,257.06	\$ 764.18	\$ 19,492.88
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police	\$ 565,407.97	\$ 523,928.70	\$ 41,479.27	\$ 8,229.45	\$ 33,249.82
Fire	507,276.65	502,267.17	5,009.48	216.51	4,792.97
Health	149,155.00	143,222.25	5,932.75	1,508.56	4,424.19
Milk Inspection	19,180.00	21,259.82	2,079.82	59.34	2,139.16
City Property	77,326.83	75,956.47	1,370.36	205.71	1,164.65
License Bureau	6,185.75	4,927.41	1,258.34	.....	1,258.34
Park and Recreation	473,389.96	443,104.76	30,285.20	9,706.96	20,578.24
Total	\$1,797,922.16	\$1,714,666.58	\$ 83,255.58	\$ 19,926.53	\$ 63,329.05
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES:					
Clerk	\$ 12,687.13	\$ 12,682.66	\$ 4.47	\$	\$ 4.47
Auditor	12,433.24	12,218.07	215.17	148.03	67.14
Treasurer	58,196.89	55,962.87	2,234.02	18.21	2,215.81
Tax Commissioner	12,020.00	9,675.96	2,344.04	.....	2,344.04
Purchasing	13,445.81	13,035.12	410.69	56.24	354.45
Total	\$ 108,783.07	\$ 103,574.68	\$ 5,208.39	\$ 222.48	\$ 4,985.91
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer	\$ 66,324.50	\$ 58,235.71	\$ 8,088.79	\$ 250.03	\$ 7,838.76
Road	251,948.59	231,718.70	20,229.89	4,136.18	16,093.71
Paving Repair	147,789.50	150,836.13	3,046.63	5,460.27	8,506.90
Sewer	74,638.61	69,226.94	5,411.67	161.22	5,250.45
Street Light	103,638.41	107,350.12	3,711.71	2,000.66	5,712.37
Plumbing Inspection	14,514.66	13,629.91	884.75	3.42	881.33
Building & Sidewalk Insp.....	24,120.00	23,711.15	408.85	1.40	407.45
Total	\$ 682,974.27	\$ 654,708.66	\$ 28,265.61	\$ 12,013.18	\$ 16,252.43
Grand Total—General Fund.....	\$2,822,738.40	\$2,685,751.76	\$136,986.64	\$ 32,926.37	\$104,060.27

FINANCIAL SECTION—GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956

	Personal Services	Other Current Expenses	Capital Outlay	aneous	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council	\$ 2,920.00	\$ 82.05	\$ 439.00	\$	\$ 3,441.05
Mayor and Council	6,399.84	513.35	3,951.70	.....	10,864.89
Mayor	4,224.58	846.25	140.75	.....	5,211.58
Municipal Court	32,502.59	4,227.02	2,326.07	.....	39,055.68
General Expense	4,993.00	9,860.95	100.00	122.06	15,076.01
Directors	31,611.60	72.23	.....	.....	31,683.83
Attorney	22,004.78	2,014.64	2,321.27	.....	26,340.69
Merit System	8,409.66	481.04	68.40	.....	8,959.10
Planning Commission	4,985.86	11,520.62	459.27	5.00	16,970.75
City Garage .....	.....	.....	.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Contingencies	32.72	14,043.01	9,414.29	6,708.24	30,198.26
Total	\$ 118,084.63	\$ 43,661.16	\$ 19,220.75	\$ 31,835.30	\$ 212,801.84
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police	\$ 424,970.58	\$ 76,671.81	\$ 22,286.31	\$	\$ 523,928.70
Fire	462,715.73	32,685.04	6,866.40	.....	502,267.17
Health	122,296.28	17,474.46	3,451.51	.....	143,222.25
Milk Inspection	13,800.00	4,620.32	2,839.50	.....	21,259.82
City Property	33,547.66	34,477.65	7,931.16	.....	75,956.47
License Bureau	3,446.10	892.90	563.41	25.00	4,927.41
Park and Recreation	241,234.26	70,315.43	127,421.90	4,133.17	443,104.76
Total	\$1,302,010.61	\$237,137.61	\$171,360.19	\$ 4,158.17	\$1,714,666.58
DEPARTMET OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES:					
Clerk	\$ 8,745.54	\$ 3,170.06	\$ 767.06	\$	\$ 12,682.66
Auditor	10,368.24	1,595.96	253.87	.....	12,218.07
Treasurer	42,449.82	8,249.34	5,263.71	.....	55,962.87
Tax Commissioner	8,469.98	780.98	425.00	.....	9,675.96
Purchasing	10,963.62	1,653.93	417.57	.....	13,035.12
Total	\$ 80,997.20	\$ 15,450.27	\$ 7,127.21	\$	\$ 103,574.68
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer	\$ 44,236.83	\$ 9,855.84	\$ 4,143.04	\$	\$ 58,235.71
Road	157,193.00	62,221.72	11,465.24	838.74	231,718.70
Paving Repair	76,347.73	58,790.60	15,671.61	26.19	150,836.13
Sewer	55,843.32	11,848.17	1,511.95	23.50	69,226.94
Street Light	13,948.83	61,038.22	32,359.57	3.50	107,350.12
Plumbing Inspection	10,257.56	2,989.28	119.82	263.25	13,629.91
Building & Sidewalk Insp.	21,334.10	2,005.46	321.59	.....	23,711.15
Total	\$ 379,211.37	\$208,749.29	\$ 65,592.82	\$ 1,155.18	\$ 654,708.66
Grand Total—General Fund	\$1,880,303.81	\$504,998.33	\$263,300.97	\$37,148.65	\$2,685,751.76